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NPIC/PEG (2/83)OFFSHORE DRILLING PLATFORM UNDER CONSTRUCTION
RACH DUA NAVAL BASE, VIETNAM

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFFSHORE DRILLING PLATFORM SUGGESTS THAT VIETNAM IS PLACING GREATER EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING ITS OFFSHORE OIL RESOURCES.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: AN OFFSHORE DRILLING PLATFORM IS IN THE MID-STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AT RACH DUA NAVAL BASE APPROXIMATELY 35 NM SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON. PLATFORM COMPONENTS NEARING COMPLETION INCLUDE TWO LATTICE DRILL RIG SUPPORT LEGS, A POSSIBLE UTILITY PLATFORM, AND A POSSIBLE HELIPAD. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD LATTICE SUPPORT LEG IS ALSO IN PROGRESS. IN ADDITION, 12 LARGE RECTANGULAR CAISSONS/COMPONENT BUILDINGS (PROBABLY FOR USE AS ON-RIG CREW FACILITIES AND STORAGE) HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE SINCE [REDACTED] STEEL STRUCTURAL MATERIAL FOR THIS NEW DRILLING PLATFORM HAD ARRIVED AT RACH DUA [REDACTED] A SET OF PARALLEL TRACKS, TO AID IN THE JOINING OF STEEL FOR THE LATTICE DRILL RIG SUPPORT LEGS, WAS ALSO IN PLACE BY THAT DATE.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 10-23-15N 107-06-00E

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